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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title, page 1, line 3 as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAINMENT CONTROL UNIT.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 at line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a portable collapsible environmental control apparatus that includes a unitary framework having a first set of vertical supports and a collapsible horizontal support element extending between vertical supports at the base of the vertical supports. First collapsible supports extend between a pair of adjacent vertical supports along the lengthwise dimension of the enclosure. Second collapsible supports extend between a pair of adjacent vertical supports along the widthwise dimension of the enclosure.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 14 through page 5, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

The features of the invention and additional details of the apparatus according to the present invention will be more fully understood by reference to the figures of the drawing wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a fully opened enclosure according to the present invention prior to vertical extension and movement into an operating position;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view photocopy of the enclosure according to the present invention after full vertical extension with the top of the enclosure abutting the ceiling;

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FIG. 3 is a perspective view photocopy of the enclosure of the present invention in a fully collapsed configuration before placement in a storage container;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view photocopy of the enclosure of the present invention in its fully collapsed and folded condition in a storage container for ready portability;

FIG. 5A is a front elevation schematic view of an alternate embodiment of the enclosure for providing access from all four sides of the enclosure;

FIG. 5B is a side elevation schematic view of the embodiment of FIG.5A taken from the left side of the enclosure;

FIG. 5C is a top schematic view of the enclosure illustrating a flange enhancement extending from the rear of the enclosure;

FIG. 6A is a rear schematic elevation view of the enclosure shown in the preceding 5A to 5C figures illustrating the positioning and rectangular configuration of the flange;

FIG. 6B is a side schematic view of the enclosure taken from the side opposite FIG. 5B; and

Fig. 7 is a schematic view of the top of the enclosure illustrating a removable section to provide an opening when the enclosure is raised against a ceiling.

FIG. 8 is a diagram illustrating placement of the enclosure of the present invention outside a patient room to isolate the space within the room from the surrounding environment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 26 through page 9, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

The enclosure 10 is shown in its fully extended configuration in FIG. 2. Upper legs 42 are raised to the desired height and held in position on lower legs 44 by means of set screws. Alternatively pins 51 such as spring loaded eetter pins can be used and inserted into apertures 53 to hold the upper portion of the enclosure at the desired height. Sliders 49 are locked into position at the top of frame members by spring loaded pins (not shown). The upper portion of the envelope 55 is connected around the interior of frame 30. Frame 30 is then raised to engage the ceiling 57 as shown in phantom in FIG. 2. The frame 30 is spring-loaded and held in position by set screws 31 or alternatively pins and aperture. Window 54 is shown in FIG. 2 as is a pocket 59 for storing instructions, specifications and other information pertinent to the work to be performed while using the enclosure.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

When it is desired to move the enclosure or to store it, the set screws are loosened, the upper frame is lowered into the position shown in FIG. 1, and the envelope is allowed to drop and settle toward the bottom of the enclosure. The upper frame member 30 is then removed from the top of the enclosure. Hinges 18 and 20 are caused to pivot upwardly to bring the sides of the enclosure toward each other. At the same time, trusses 22 compress, sliders 49 move downwardly along frame members 12, and the arms of the truss approach a near vertical position in the totally collapsed folded condition. Similarly, the truss arms 28 of truss 26 scissor together to near vertical position.

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Provided at one side of the enclosure are a pair of wheels 64 which allow the unit to be tilted when it is folded so that it can be rolled to another position or rolled into a storage location. The upper frame member 30 is hinged at the corners to permit closing into a compact elongated configuration.